



# Weekly Activity Resources



## KATUSA/US Soldier Friendship Week



501<sup>st</sup> MI BDE claimed a victory in the tug-of-war while participating in one of the many scheduled events of the KATUSA/US Soldier Friendship Week. The tug-of-war symbolizes teamwork and friendship, as each person works as one unit to obtain a mutual goal.

Although winning isn't everything, the Red Dragons definitely proved their ability to work together and successfully complete the mission!

## Community Information Forum

- USAG-Yongsan

Join USAG-Yongsan residents for the monthly Community Information Forum 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 28 at the Yongsan Community Services Building, Room 118.

Garrison Commander Col. Dave Hall and key community leaders will present information on current projects, construction, renovations, events and answer questions.

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## Volunteer of the Year

- USAG-Yongsan

The USAG-Yongsan Garrison will hold the Volunteer of the Year celebration on 24 April 2009. The celebration will take place in the Main Post Club from 1800-2100 hours, with the theme "Treasure your volunteers." This event is held during National Volunteer Week and is a yearly celebration of the volunteer services provided by the volunteers on USAG-Yongsan.

This year, Garrison has more than 150 volunteer nominees. Does it sound like too many? Currently Yongsan Garrison has about 2,000 registered volunteers.

Three Red Dragons will be recognized in the Volunteer of the Year celebration. SFC Rhonda Motley of HHC is one of the three. She has actively volunteered for the Good Neighbor Program, Non Commissioned

Officers Association, Army Family Team Building and Seoul American Elementary School. Mrs. Jisoo Beck, wife of SPC Sidney Beck of HHC, will also be recognized in the celebration. She has been actively participating in the HHC FRG Meetings. She has prepared special activities such as a Kimbap making class, and prepared Korean sweets to share Korean culture with the FRG members. Mrs. Gretchen Mirandavelez, wife of COL Escibano, will be recognized for her dedication to volunteering with ACS.

Congratulations to everyone! And thank you for your time and effort in supporting the Community.

Next Volunteer of the Quarter will be in July. Let's treasure our volunteers!

## The 2009 Good Neighbor English Camp

-USAG-Yongsan/Humphreys



U.S. Forces Korea is looking for volunteer host families to provide a home stay program to one or more Korean high school students attending the [2009 Good Neighbor](#)

[English Camp from May 18-23.](#)

Korean participants are 10th grade Korean students from Seoul, Pyeongtaek and Taegu. Students are selected by local school boards under the direction of the Korean Ministry of Education. Selection is based on each student's ability to speak English, and his/her willingness to participate in a home stay program. Students

who have previously resided in the United States or other English speaking countries are not considered for the USFK English Camp.

Volunteers will provide a room, some meals, and transportation. Cots are available if families are unable to provide a bed. Demonstrate true American spirit and hospitality by opening your homes to our young Korean neighbors. It will be an experience of a lifetime for you and your family.

For more information about the Good Neighbor English Camp program, call the USFK Public Affairs Office, 723-4685/723-7669.

## Yongsan Scholarships Directory

- COL Hall, USAG-Yongsan

Getting a quality education is not cheap. Serving the Yongsan community offers many advantages that are hard to find in other communities. One advantage is scholarships.

There are thousands of dollars available from Yongsan organizations to further your education, as well as your family members' educations.

The Garrison has put together a directory to make it easier to find educational benefits. You can [download the current PDF document](#) at the U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan website.

When you take a look at the directory, you will see all the information you need to apply for the scholarships and potentially receive educational benefits.

The organizations will review each scholarship applications for merit. For example, the Defense Commissary Agency sponsors

"Scholarships for Military Children." The benefit is up to \$1,500. Details on eligibility are in the guide.

If you or your family members are pursuing an education, please download the guide and see what funds are available.

I would like to publicly commend Mr. Drew Brandt for his hard work compiling this information. The guide is not the end state, but rather a beginning. It is a work in progress, and frankly, we need your input to make this a valuable tool. If you have any information to add to the guide, please send [Drew an e-mail](#).

Taking care of our family members is the right thing to do. We made a promise with the Army Family Covenant to provide a quality of life commensurate with your service. Rest assured that the Garrison will continue to seek out new ways to make life better for our community members.

## Army Family Team Building Class

-USAG-Yongsan/Humphreys

Army Family Team Building is a global educational program implemented at Army installations and Army communities world-wide providing training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort. There are currently 221 active programs world-wide with more than 20,000 volunteers and paid staff all with one commitment at heart:

**"Connecting Families to the Army...  
One Class at a Time!"**

Humphreys' AFTB will offer Level I class

from 28-29 April, Spouse Boot Camp on 22 May, Level II class from 25-27 May and other classes will follow.

Yongsan AFTB also offers AFTB whole Levels and Korean/Spanish AFTB Level I classes throughout the year.

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STRIKE WITH FIRE**



## Walt Disney Went to War



An important factor ensuring America's ultimate victory over the Axis Powers in World War II was the overwhelming and unwavering support of the Home Front. Contributing much to creating and maintaining that Home Front support were Walt Disney films. Meanwhile, morale-boosting Disney-designed insignia that soon appeared on planes, trucks, flight jackets, and other military equipment accomplished the same for American and Allied forces.

Shown here is the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. The patch depicts the Walt Disney Studios designed "Fifinella," coming in for a landing. "Fifinella" was a winged female gremlin in a red and yellow suit with red high top boots and black gloves. According to Barry Stein, her mission was to seek and destroy male gremlins, which were believed to cause all types of aircraft malfunctions, including those by the aircrew. Before the end of World War II, the WAFS were incorporated into the Women's Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs. ([Army Heritage Museum](http://www.armyheritagemuseum.com)).

## New BDE Homepage

- BDE



Check out the newly updated 501<sup>st</sup> MI Brigade homepage on the INSCOM portal. Helpful information related to housing, finance, and Family Readiness Group may be found here. Additionally, resources such as Intelligence Knowledge Network, and Army One Source are easily accessible from this site.

<http://www.inscom.army.mil/MS/501MI/index.html>